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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A method for improved absorption and beneficial effects of Corosolic acid for maintenance of blood sugar levels and weight-loss with administration of approximately 48 mg/day of Corosolic acid in a soft gel form.

- 2. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said soft gel form includes: rice bran oil.
- 3. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in claim 2 wherein said soft gel form includes: silica.
- 4-17 (Canceled)
- 18. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacture of a soft gel capsule for absorption of Corosolic acid into a human intestinal tract and maintenance of blood sugar levels and weight-loss including:

heating rice bran oil to about 35° C in a container; adding a filler such a yellow bee's wax or silica; adding under vacuum 1% Corosolic acid; continuously stirring of all the ingredients; cooling the mixture to room temperature; nitrogen gas blanketing of the container; and encapsulating the above mixture in a soft gel capsule.

19. (New) A soft gel capsule, prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

heating rice bran oil to about 35° C in a container; adding filler; adding Corosolic acid;

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continuously stirring the mixture; and encapsulating the mixture in a soft gel capsule.

- 20. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the filler is yellow bee's wax.
- 21. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the filler is silica.
- 22. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the filler is yellow bee's wax and silica.
- 23. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the Corosolic acid is 1% Corosolic acid.
- 24. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the Corosolic acid is 1% Corosolic acid alcohol extracted from *Lagerstroemia Speciosa L*.
- 25. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the Corosolic acid is present in the range of 8 to 100 mg.
- 26. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, further comprising adding the extract of *Gymnema sylvestre* to the mixture.
- 27. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the Corosolic acid is added under a vacuum.
- 28. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the mixture is blanketed with nitrogen.
- 29. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 19, wherein the filler is yellow bee's wax and silica and the Corosolic acid is 1% Corosolic acid alcohol extracted from *Lagerstroemia Speciosa L*.
- 30. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 29, wherein the Corosolic acid is added under a vacuum.
- 31. (New) The soft gel capsule of claim 30, wherein the mixture is blended under nitrogen.